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SUBJECT: CISCO II: PROPOSED MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY UPON RELEASE OF
CISCO II

REF KHARTOUM 619

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HERE CONFIRMS WITHOUT DETAIL THE GOOD NEWS CONTAINED KHARTOUM REFTEL THAT MATTERS SEEM TO BE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY FOR THE EARLY RELEASE OF CAMPBELL AND HARRELL. AS OUR REPORTING HAS INDICATED THE SAG HAS GONE OUT OF ITS WAY TO BE HELPFUL TO US. FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUDI AL-FAISAL HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE AFFAIR. DIFFERENCES IN OUTLOOK TOWARDS THE REGIME IN ADDIS AND THE ERITREAN INSURGENCY HAVE NOT DIMINISHED SAG EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF. FROM WHAT WE KNOW HERE, THE SAG INFLUENCE ON THE PLF WAS A MAJOR DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE DECISION TO RELEASE THE TWO MEN. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. PROPOSED TEXT IN NEXT PARAGRAPH:

2. BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I LEARNED OF THE RELEASE OF STEVEN CAMPBELL AND JAMES HARRELL WHO HAD BEEN HELD PRISONERS BY THE ERTIREAN POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES SINCE LAST JULY.

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AMBASSADOR PORTER HAS KEPT ME INFORMED OF YOUR EFFORTS AND

THOSE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THESE MEN.
I AM SURE THAT THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN A MAJOR CONTRIBUTING
FACTOR LEADING TO THEIR SAFE RELEASE. I WISH TO THANK
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS FOR YOUR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN OBTAINING
THE FREEDOM OF THESE TWO MEN. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A.
KISSINGER. END PROPOSED TEXT.

3. WE DO NOT BLEIVE THAT THE SAG WOULD WISH ANY PUBLIC
THANKS. ANY PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE BY THE USG
FOR THE EFFORTS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE
BROAD ENOUGH TO INCLUDE THE SAG.
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